

# **Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board**

January 16, 2019 Meeting Location: Lakewood City Hall

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Present:

Board Members: Kara Vlach-Lasher, Erin Shaughnessy, Mary

Taubman, Nancy McDonnell, Juleen Russell, Phyllis Dykes, Nancy

Binder

Councilperson Tristan Rader

Not Present:

**ACO Jack Crawford** 

# **Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board Committee Meeting**

# Minutes Wednesday January 16, 2019

- I. Welcome and roll call conducted by Vlach-Lasher at 6:01 pm. 7 voting members present. 1 appointment open. ACO not present. Councilperson present.
- II. Approval of November Meeting Minutes Board
  - a. Unanimous verbal vote in favor of the motion to waive formal reading of the minutes. No discussion on minutes as presented. Motion passes to approve the minutes.
- III. Report: Lakewood Animal Control Report ACO Crawford
  - a. Deferred until ACO Crawford is present.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- IV. Report Spay & Neuter Committee Board Member Vlach-Lasher
  - a. There are 0 appointments at PetFix from the 2018 city-sponsored program.
  - b. Vlach-Lasher clarified that we are rewriting the proposal for a spay/neuter program that removes the requirement that participants are on government assistance, making the cost only \$20. Vlach-Lasher will rewrite this proposal for the next LASWAB meeting. Shaughnessy makes a motion to defer discussion until that time, Taubman seconds.
  - c. The suggestion that we offer to microchip pets during S/N events in the future was discussed.



- V. New Terms/Officer Duties/Nominations/Elections
  - a. Co-Chair: Vlach-Lasher nominates Taubman for Co-Chair, McDonnell seconds, Taubman accepts. Vlach-Lasher asks if there are any other nominations; there are none. Board votes unanimously to elect Taubman as Co-Chair of LASWAB.

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b. Secretary: Taubman nominates Shaughnessy for Secretary, Russell seconds, Shaughnessy accepts. Vlach-Lasher asks if there are any other nominations; there are none. Board votes unanimously to elect Shaughnessy as Secretary of LASWAB.

## VI. 2019 Meeting Dates

a. Vlach-Lasher shared a meeting calendar for 2019. Board members reviewed and agreed to the dates. Vlach-Lasher moved to vote on the proposed dates, all members vote in favor of the schedule.

## VII. 2019 Initiatives/Committees

- a. The Board discussed which initiatives to pursue this year and which committees should be maintained and/or established.
- VIII. 2019 Committees and Working Groups
  - a. Vlach-Lasher asked the Administration if there were any initiatives LASWAB should focus on in 2019, Shannon Strachan asked that we continue educating the public on the new dog ordinance.
    - i. Monthly information releases
    - ii. Responsible dog ownership
  - b. Coyote Education & Outreach is now Wildlife Education & Outreach.
  - c. Discussion on whether the Board should publish an updated brochure.
  - d. Social media management: Vlach-Lasher contacted Melissa Garrett (LASWAB's point of contact for social media with the City) who said that 1-2 items posted per month sounded reasonable.
  - e. Discussion on whether the committee/working group handling social media management should be responsible for all communication. Russell suggested using the "NextDoor" platform to reach citizens.
  - f. Discussion of what part LASWAB could play in grant applications and fundraising.

    To be determined.
  - g. 7 proposed committees/working groups:
    - i. Wildlife Education & Outreach
    - ii. Dog Ordinance
    - iii. Spay & Neuter Day and Education
    - iv. Community Events

- v. Brochure Update
- vi. Dog Bite Prevention Education
- vii. Social Media Posting
- h. Vlach-Lasher makes a motion to approve the 7 initiatives/committees. McDonnell seconds, motion passes.
- i. Board members discuss the nature of each committee and sign up as leaders/members.
- j. Each leader will establish objectives using a template that Vlach-Lasher will provide via email.
- IX. February social media post: Vlach-Lasher suggests using Taubman's flyer for World Spay Day (February 26<sup>th</sup>) that was created in 2018. Taubman and Russell will update and finalize the flyer.
- X. No public comment.

Vlach-Lasher makes a motion to adjourn; Shaughnessy seconds. Motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 7:22 pm

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE February 20th at 6 pm in the East Conference Room